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One-Stop building to optimize operations

By Douglas DeMaio, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Soldiers who in-process and out-process will soon have an easier time taking care of matters related to their permanent change of station.

Drivers Testing and the Logistics Field Operating Agency – Europe, which provides quality control inspections for shipped household goods, will be collocated in Bldg. 7109 to make the inconvenience of moving a little less aggravating, said Rick Pollitt, director of logistics. Drivers testing will give license classes in the building's classroom.

Although SATO and Transportation have been located in the building for some time, the offices were moved within the building while parts of the building were renovated to accommodate the relocating section.

"Collocating all of these func-

tions eliminates the need to go to multiple buildings to accomplish PCS related tasks," Pollitt said. "This will save customers a lot of time and frustration in their first and last days at Bamberg."

All DOL functions related to a PCS in and out of Bamberg will be celebrated during a grand opening at the building Dec. 19 at 10 a.m.

"This is a DOL concept to improve customer service and support," said Karin Stiefler, an information transportation officer.

The idea is commonly referred to in the military as a One-Stop concept.

"This allows our customers to schedule a packing or delivery of their household goods, unaccompanied baggage, and POV shipments, as well as arranging for their airline tickets all in one facility," Pollitt said.

Happy Holidays



A family from Bamberg takes advantage of the professional photographs that were available at the Reeltime Movie Theater after the annual Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 5.

Exceptional Family Member Program meeting expectations

By Douglas DeMaio, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

The Exceptional Family Member Program is receiving enormous praise by the military community and is being viewed as one of the premier initiatives the Army has taken in recent years to care for service members and their Families.

EFMP is a plan that provides comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to families with special needs, according to Army One Source Web site.

Soldiers on active duty enroll in the program when they have a family member with a physical, emotional, developmental, or intel-

lectual disorder requiring specialized services.

"I think it is fantastic how the Army has put more focus on the Family," said Jen Berbach, who has been an Army spouse for 18 years. "The Army knows if the family is happy the Soldier will be happy and be able to perform his duties better."

Berbach, who is married to Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Berbach, who is assigned to 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, said her life, as the wife of a service member, would have been much less stressful had the program been given more emphasis years ago.

Much of that emphasis in supporting Sol-

diers and their Families has come from the Army Family Covenant, which is a pledge that was signed Oct. 17, 2007 by senior Army leaders recognizing "the strength of our Soldiers comes from the strength of their Families."

Spc. Esmeralda Aviles, who is assigned to 106th Finance Company, uses EFMP services and agrees the Army is meeting her expectations.

By acknowledging these strengths, obligating resources and following through with the Army's commitment to provide practical Family programs, Soldiers feel more confident the Army is concerned about their overall wellbeing.

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Wounded Warrior lends a hand to local elementary students

Have you noticed a new face in the crowd at the elementary school? Well, there is a new man on the block.

Spc. Wyatt Mitchell is assisting at Bamberg Elementary School. He is assigned to the Warrior Transition Battalion commonly known as Warrior Transition Unit, which is an administrative and Family-support-service center for wounded warriors recovering from an injury.

Mitchell was originally assigned to the 317th Maintenance Battalion, but due to his injuries was moved to the WTU. There are 25 Soldiers in his unit and all of them are gainfully employed within the Bamberg community.

During their time at the WTU, when the Soldiers are not going to an appointment, they get to select a job that fits their injury limitations, which is their place of duty.

When Mitchell was asked where he would want to spend his duty day, Mitchell voiced an interest in the elementary school. When asked "why the elementary school?" by the school staff, his answer was that he wants to further his education and become an educator.

The Troops to Teachers program looks very promising in his future.

Mitchell calls Ohio home, but was stationed at Fort Drum before coming to Bamberg. He said the weather is about the same, but hopes we don't get as much snow.

Mitchell has two children, Jordan and Bryauna, attending the elementary school.

So far, the students at the elementary school have not scared him away. In fact, at the end of the day, he is still eagerly greeting and saying goodbye to the students in front of the school.

The teachers are pleased to have his assistance, and another male role model is greatly appreciated for many of our students who may be missing their dads during a deployment.



Spc. Wyatt Mitchell, Bamberg Wounded Warrior Unit, helps a Bamberg Elementary student with his math. Mitchell chose the elementary school as his duty day workplace because he plans to become a teacher after he gets out of the Army.

Germany raises traffic fines for speeders and tailgaters in 2009

German traffic fines will go up at the start of 2009, especially for speeders and tailgaters, said German automobile club ADAC. Fines for running red lights and driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol will also increase significantly.

The penalty for staying in the left lane of the autobahn when the right lane is free will double from €40 to €80, ADAC reported in its magazine for November.

The ADAC stated German highway police have a large fleet of fast unmarked vehicles

with video cameras discretely mounted in the front and back to follow and film reckless drivers and speeders.

When an offender has been identified, they will flash their blue lights, overtake the vehicle waving a red and white signal disk and escort the offending vehicle to the nearest parking area. A folding electronic display is often installed in the back window of these police cars and will show the words, "STOPP, POLIZEI" or "POLIZEI FOLGEN" when the police want you to follow them. The ADAC article went on to say that around

21,000 accidents with injuries occur on German autobahns each year. The main causes are following too close (more than 4,000) and driving too fast (about 7,000). Alcohol is involved in around 700 of those accidents.

Excerpt of new fines for 2009

Driving too fast	Old fine	New
21-25 kmph over the limit	€50	/€70
26-30 kmph	€60	/€95
31-40 kmph	€100	/€160*
41-50 kmph	€150	/€240*

* also includes one month driving ban (unchanged)



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Spc. Justin Tolleson, gunner, physical security team, Bravo Co., 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th Sustainment Brigade, chokes out his opponent, Spc. Nikifor Banchoff, joint network node operator, B. Co., during combatives training at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Gym at Contingency Operating Base, Q-West, Iraq, Dec. 4.

Deployed logisticians knock out combatives

**By Sgt. 1st Class Adam V. Shaw
16th Sustainment Brigade Public Affairs**

CONTINGENCY OPERATING BASE Q-WEST, Iraq — Eight Soldiers from the 16th Sustainment Brigade spent a week on the mat learning how to clinch, grapple, and choke out an opponent during combatives training at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center here from Dec. 1 to Dec. 5.

"The purpose of this training is to instill the Warrior Ethos, on top of multiple other reasons this is important," said Sgt. Travis McGruder, Physical Security Team, B Company, 16th Special Troops Battalion, 16th SB. "It provides a realistic understanding for Soldiers to understand how combatives fits into their duties and possible situations they could be faced with in combat."

McGruder is "level 4" certified in combatives training and was the head instructor for the training. The Pine Mountain, Ga., native was a "level 1" and "level 2" Army combatives instructor at Fort Benning, Ga.

"I first got into combatives in 2003 when I first arrived at Benning," said McGruder. "The day I graduated level one, my unit was

holding an open combatives tournament. My team brought home 2nd place that year, falling only to the Ranger battalion."

He spent the next few years at Fort Benning earning his level 3 and 4 certifications before being assigned to the 16th Sustainment Brigade where he became part of the PST where he serves as the team's hand to hand combatives instructor.

However, he put together this training for the brigade to certify Soldiers as in level 1 combatives.

"These students came a long way since the first day and you can tell that everyone gave 110 percent," said McGruder. "Just look at their faces and check out their bruises. That goes to show that this is real training. Level 1 is a foundation to build off of; it's the starting point."

Some Soldiers were apprehensive as to whether the training was right for them.

"I expected it to be hard and it was to a certain extent," said Pfc. Edward Yahn, driver, PST. "I thought my size would be an issue, but with patience, you can win re-

gardless of how big or small you are."

The 140-pounder from North Anson, Maine, said that applying the fundamentals helped him overcome his size issue.

"Using good technique will make it so that you don't have to use as much strength," said Yahn. "You really just have to have a good head on your shoulders."

Other Soldiers came into the class with a different mentality.

"I came in just trying to overpower everyone," said six-foot-one, 190-pound, Pfc. Adam Lillo, joint network node operator, B Company. "This class helped me with my techniques because I didn't really know what I was doing before."

The Eau Claire, Wis., native, who was named honor graduate for winning the class's combatives tournament, found that the training will serve as a useful tool in his military career.

"It helps with my physical conditioning for my physical training test," said Lillo. "It also gives you the ability to overcome the mind and body."

Closures / Changes

Dining Facilities holiday schedule

The Bamberg community will operate one Dining Facility from Dec. 19 - Jan. 6. The Dagger's Inn DFAC will close after the lunch meal on Dec. 18. Dinner on Dec. 18 will be served at the Nieves Webb DFAC. The Nieves Webb DFAC will serve a special Christmas meal on Dec. 25. Both DFACs will resume normal operations on Jan. 7.

Veterinary Facility hours change

The Bamberg Veterinary Facility's new business hours beginning Jan. 1 are; Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed Thursday and Friday. No walk-in appointments are available. The clinic is closed on the last weekday of each month for inventory. The clinic is also closed on all American and training holidays. Over the counter products and prescriptions may be purchased during regular business hours. Due to the high demand for appointments, please notify the clinic of cancellations 24 hours in advance. In case of an emergency, please contact an off-post veterinarian. A list of off-post veterinarians is available at the clinic. For more information or to schedule an appointment please call 0951-300-7972.

Community Bank Holiday hours

The Bamberg Community Bank will have the following special holiday hours:
Christmas

- Dec. 24 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Dec. 25 – 28 – Closed
- New Year
- Dec. 31 – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - January 1, 2009 – Closed

Commissary Early Bird Shopping

The Bamberg Commissary is now open early for the holiday season from 8 - 11 a.m. Tuesday - Friday. The commissary will also be open Dec. 22 and 29 during these hours. There are limited services during this time and only the Self Checkout lanes will be open. Full shopping carts can not be checked out until normal operating hours (no cashiers). The commissary will also be open during regular hours for full service shopping.

APO extended holiday hours/closures

The Army Post Office holiday season finance service lobby hours are extended for your convenience. The extended hours are effective now through Dec. 20. The hours are:
Monday through Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Closed - Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.

CMR extended holiday hours

The Community Mail Room holiday season lobby window hours (including Saturdays) are:
Now through Jan. 3
Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

ACAP office relocation

The Army Career and Alumni Program Office has moved from Preston Hall to the Military

Personnel building (Bldg 7290), Room 204. If you have less than a year left until your ETS (2 years if retiring), please call 469-8925 to make an appointment for a mandatory ACAP Preparation Briefing. While this is your first step in the transition process, it does not in anyway hamper your ability to reenlist should you decide to do so. Do yourself a favor and find out today what ACAP has to offer.

ID Card and Passport Office

The Bamberg ID Card and Passport Offices will close early on the following days (please plan accordingly):

- Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. will reopen Dec. 29
- Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. will reopen Jan 5.

Bamberg Health Clinic holiday closure

The Bamberg Health Clinic will be closed on the following days (please plan accordingly):

- Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1 from 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 from 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Tax Assistance Center open

The Bamberg Tax Assistance Center hours are Mon. through Fri., 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m., until Dec. 19 when it closes for annual training. It is located on the 4th floor of Bldg. 7000 (The Law Center Building). To make an appointment, call DSN:469-8261 or CIV:0951-300-8261.

Fitness Classes Cancelled

Beginning Dec. 23, during the holiday season, there will be no classes at the Freedom Fitness Facility. Step aerobics will resume on Jan. 7, Pilates and all boot camps will resume their regular class times beginning Jan. 5, the Lunchtime Circuit Express training will resume Jan. 6 and Tae Kwon Do will resume on Jan. 12. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-9597.

Fitness Center Holiday Hours

The Freedom Fitness Facility will open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., the day before both Christmas and New Year's Day. It will reopen a day after the holidays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-9597.

Community Announcements

Christmas/New Year Services

There will be a Catholic Christmas Mass and pot luck fellowship at 11 a.m. on Dec. 25. Catholic mass will be at 5 p.m. Dec. 31. Catholic mass will be at 9 a.m. Jan. 4. There will be a Protestant candle light service at 5 p.m. Dec. 24. Church of God in Christ Sunday service will be at 12:30 Dec. 21. Church of God in Christ watch night service will be at 9 p.m. Dec. 31. All services will be at the Post Chapel. For more information, call 469-1570.

Angel Tree Program

Share the magic of this season with a child by participating in the Community Chapel Angel Tree Program. The Angel Tree Program provides an opportunity for people in our

community to give a toy to a child during the Christmas season. Two trees have been decorated with angels and placed in the community. One is at the chapel and one at the entrance to the Army Air Force Exchange Service PXtra. To participate in the program, remove an angel tag from the tree and purchase a gift for the child described on the tag. Make sure to attach the angel tag on the wrapped gifts for the child. Bring the wrapped gift to the chapel. Anyone can participate. The goal is to ensure that 100 percent of the children receive a gift before Christmas. For more information, call Maria Castillo at DSN 469-8139 or 0162-270-4703.

Thrift Shop Sale

The Bamberg Thrift Shop is having a 50 percent off Christmas Blow Out Sale. All white ticket items from Dec. 18 will be on sale. Come and take advantage of this great value just in time for the holidays.

Flu topic of AFN Radio Show

Medical staff will be guests on the Armed Forces Network live morning radio show Dec. 22 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and available to talk about the flu, and what to do to prevent you and your family from becoming sick from influenza and other illnesses. Guests will include Lt. Col. (Dr.) Elizabeth Hersch, Vilseck Health Clinic Commander; Dr. Renata Lukevic, pediatrician; Capt. (Dr.) Ferguson, Vilseck Health Clinic; and Capt. (Dr.) Sarah Niles, Chief, BMEDDAC Preventive Medicine. Call DSN 476-3176 or CIV 09662-83-8176 during the live show. Bamberg residents can hear it at AM 1143.

December Med Blog

The topic of the December 2008 Medical Blog is learning and rehearsing emergency care plans before the need arises with Brig. Gen. Keith W. Gallagher, the U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army Command Surgeon. His blog is available at the Europe Regional Medical Command Web site (<http://ermc.amedd.army.mil>). Questions on medical policy can also be submitted to him there. You can submit a healthcare question at any time by clicking the "Ask the Doc" link from the ERM home page.

Weekly Reminders

Veterans Benefits

The next Army Career and Alumni Program veterans affairs benefits briefing is Jan. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Preston Hall Auditorium. A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will provide an overview of V.A. programs and services and will answer questions as well. Open to the entire community.

Disability Briefing

Veterans affairs disability briefing is Jan. 8 from 1 to 3 P.M. Army Career and Alumni Program will sponsor a briefing on the Disability Transition Assistance Program (DTAP). A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs will discuss vocational rehabilitation policy and procedures. This is an opportunity for transitioning Soldiers who are considering filing a disability claim with the V.A. to find out details of the program. For more

information, Call ACAP at 469-8925 or visit <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Job Assistance

Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a 2.5-day Department of Labor job assistance workshop for separating and retiring Soldiers Jan. 13 through 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (final day ends at 12:30). All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. For more information, call your Bamberg ACAP Office at DSN: 469-8925.

ACAP Brief

Every Soldier must complete the Army Career and Alumni Program briefing before separation. The briefing only takes an hour and can help those who might be undecided about their future to reach a decision. The briefing is informational and does not obligate the recipient to either stay in the Army or become a civilian. Soldiers can begin the ACAP process one year prior to ETS (potential retirees can start two years prior). Call 469-8925 to schedule an appointment or use ACAP Express at <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Resume Workshop

Army Career and Alumni Program will have an advanced resume writing lab on Jan. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. You should have completed the Transition Assistance Program Workshop prior to the lab. For more information or to register, call ACAP at 469-8925 or register at <https://www.acapexpress.army.mil>.

Bamberg Thrift Shop

If you haven't been to the Thrift Shop lately, operating hours are:

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- First Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entertainment and Leisure

Drop-it Writers Group

Bring your work to the library and share with the others at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 23,

Operation "Craft & Chat"

Come join us at the library and learn a new crafts each month with assistance from MWR Arts & Crafts. Next class is at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 31.

Turkey Shoot at Whispering Pines

Whispering Pines Golf Course will have a Turkey Shoot golf tournament beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 20. This is a 9-hole event with a \$15 sign up fee. Win a Turkey, Duck or Cornish Game Hen. For more information, call the Pro Shop at DSN:469-8953.

Gamers Challenge

Come to the Gamers Challenge Dec. 21 and 28 at 5 p.m. at the Community Activities Center. The following games will be played during the challenge:

Dec. 21: Avatar, The Last Airbender
Dec. 28: Driver, Parallel Lines, Wii

Gaming Club

Come and test your video gaming skills, play various board games and meet new friends at the Community Activities Center Dec. 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Games will be provided.

Continuing Education

University of Phoenix open

The University of Phoenix is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is located at the Warner Barracks Army Education Center, Bldg 7047, Room 309. Leah Gransbery, University of Phoenix field representative, can help you start your MBA or MAED program. Online and on-site courses are available and degrees can be achieved in 15-24 months. For more information call Leah Gransbery at DSN:469-9280, CIV:0951-3009280/2085350 or email leah.gransbery@us.army.mil.

University of Oklahoma classes

Apply, enroll and start University of Oklahoma classes anytime. On-site and online classes are available, no GRE is required, and non-thesis programs are available. Advanced class preparation and a one-week class session are required. OU faculty flies to local Education Centers to provide high-level instruction. Your degree will be recognized both nationally and internationally. Complete your degree in 16 to 24 months. For more information, call Yadira Sanchez at DSN:467-3325 or CIV:09802-83-3325, or email apansbach@ou.edu. To find more information, visit www.GoOu.OU.edu.

Trips and Travel Opportunities

Take a trip with Bamberg Outdoor Recreation in December

Dec. 20-21 Snowboard and Ski

\$149

Get your Holidays off to a snowy start with a quick ski and snowboard trip. You'll get to ski and ride some of the best snow in the Austrian Alps. Includes transportation and 1 night lodging (double occupancy) with breakfast and dinner. Does not include lift pass. Departs ODR 2 a.m. Dec. 20, returns approx. 10 p.m. Dec. 21.

Equipment Rentals

Did you know Bamberg Outdoor Recreation has a full service ski and snowboard rental and repair shop for children and adults?

- Full Ski or Snowboard Package
\$19/day
\$35/weekend
\$75/week
- Pair of Skis or Snowboard with Bindings
\$15/day
\$25/weekend
\$50/week
- Ski or Snowboard Boots
\$8/day
\$15/weekend
\$30/week
- Ski Poles or Snowboard Bindings
\$5/day
\$10/weekend
\$20/week
- Pants/Jacket \$5
- Helmets are Free

Equipment Maintenance or repairs:

Snowboard Binding Mounting	\$ 5
Binding Testing/Adjustment	\$ 5
Base Repair	\$10
Edge Sharpening	\$12
Hot Wax	\$12
Full Tune w/ Base Structure	\$20

Bamberg Movie Schedule AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED Tue. and Wed.			
Thu	Dec. 18	Flash Of Genius (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Fri	Dec. 19	Eagle Eye (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sat	Dec. 20	Four Christmases (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Lakeview Terrace (Pg-13)	7 p.m.
Sun	Dec. 21	Four Christmases (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		Body Of Lies (R)	7 p.m.
Mon	Dec. 22	Four Christmases (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Fri	Dec. 26	Nothing Like The Holidays (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sat	Dec. 27	Nothing Like The Holidays (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		The Day The Earth Stood Still (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Sun	Dec. 28	Nothing Like The Holidays (Pg-13)(1strun)	4 p.m.
		The Day The Earth Stood Still (Pg-13)(1strun)	7 p.m.
Mon	Dec. 29	The Day The Earth Stood Still (Rating N/A)(1strun)	7 p.m.

Prevent mold buildup, keep illnesses at bay

Story by Trecia A. Wilson
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

Every year as winter sets in, home-makers begin struggling with keeping mold growth to a minimum. The damp conditions that come with the season make it prime growing season for the spores which cause mold growth. Molds reproduce by means of tiny spores; the spores are invisible to the naked eye and float through outdoor and indoor air.

Although not usually a major problem indoors, mold has the potential to cause health problems if left untreated. The usual causes of mold growth are leaky roofs and pipes which can be repaired. Mold begins growing indoors when the spores land on wet surfaces.

Molds produce allergens (substances that can cause allergic reactions), irritants, and in some cases, potentially toxic substances (mycotoxins). Inhaling or touching mold or mold spores may cause allergic reactions in sensitive individuals.

Mold loves poorly ventilated rooms, leaky pipes, roofs, etcetera and humidity above 60 percent. It hates well ventilated rooms and dry air below 60 percent.

According to the Bamberg Department of Public Works here are some things you can do to prevent mold buildup in your home.

What you can do:

- Air out your bathroom thoroughly after taking showers/baths
- Air out your apartment thoroughly at least twice a day for 10 minutes (windows need to be opened completely, not just slanted)
- Use your ventilation system when cooking
- Use your ventilation system when taking showers/baths
- Report leaking pipes, etc. to prevent water damage to the environmental or housing office

Remember, mold is a health hazard. For more information contact the environmental office at DSN:469-8849 or CIV:0951-300-8849 or the housing office at DSN:469-7708 or CIV:0951-300-7708.

To submit your ICE comment, click here
http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=202



Customer Comments:

It is clear now that Rosenberg doesn't care a thing about the teachers and civilians safety. It was too dangerous for us to have to report to work this morning.

Also for the children to have to walk to school. Rosenberg obviously is just like Mark Gatto, only cares about the "community" that is active duty on post. Let's don't think about the children, teachers, other civilians.

I hope he thinks about this the next time he asks us all to work together and be one community. I won't do anything else for him.

Response:

As you know, I read all ICE Comments. I greatly appreciate people taking the time to submit comments both positive and negative, as it allows me to address and potentially fix things that might not be working well (some of you have heard me say, I can't fix something if I don't know it is broken) and it allows me to recognize people who are doing a great job.



I am responding to this particular ICE comment as I think the answer will correct this particular person's lack of understanding of the process and will likely be of interest to the community at large.

First let me make it clear that I care about everyone's safety. We have civilian employees and Soldiers that live all over northern Bavaria. In fact, this community has 520 Military Families that live in Private Rental Housing, another 128 Military Families that live in Military Leased Housing, and another 178 Civilians that live in Private Rental Housing. That is a total of 826 Soldiers, Civilians and Family Members households that live on the economy.

Second, make no mistake, we know where these people live, and how far they have to drive to come to work. Let me use just a few of the garrison's Civilian employees as an example. The Deputy Garrison Commander lives in Ruedenhausen - 62 Km, my Admin Assistant/Secretary lives in Volkach 78 km,

and in my Directorate of Logistics alone I have employees that live in Kulmbach - 67 Km, Nuremberg - 60 Km, Wuerzburg - 110 Km and Graf - 120 Km. These folks drive to and from USAG Bamberg every day. I am very concerned about their safety and when we have bad weather their safety is always on my mind.

With all of this said, let me address how these decisions are made. USAREUR Reg 385-55 specifically covers road conditions and it categorizes these conditions as Green, Amber, Red, and Black. The road condition assessment is made by our Military Policemen who are out, driving the roads, 24/7.

On the morning referred to in the ICE comment, the road conditions were Amber. They were Amber in all of the surrounding communities (Graf, Schweinfurt, Ansbach) as well. While Amber roads do require people to slow down and show diligence while driving, they are safe to drive on. Additionally, it is interesting to note that no school cancellations occurred in either the military communities or the surrounding civilian communities. If the road conditions had gotten worse, the MPs would have called me to get my decision as to whether the schools or post should be started late or even closed. In the event of a School late start or closure, I am of course obligated to coordinate with my counterpart in Schweinfurt, as the Schweinfurt High School students go to school here. In the end this is a very deliberate process taken to ensure that we do not unnecessarily put people at risk.

I also understand that not everyone has grown up driving on winter roads as I have. Coming from Minnesota, I am fairly used to snow and ice. If you feel unsure or if you would like additional education for driving on snow and ice you can contact the Garrison Drivers Training section at 469-8600 or the Garrison Safety office 469-1670. If that does not help, let me know. I will be glad to assist.

I hope this helps shed some light on this process and also puts everyone's mind at ease, your safety is our number one concern. Thanks again for the comment and please keep them coming.

Lt. Col. Gary A. Rosenberg
Commander, US Army Garrison Bamberg

Outside the Gate

Weekend Events in and around Bamberg for Dec. 19 - 22

Friday, Dec. 19

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 4 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Backhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 5 p.m. "A Christmas fairy tale" (in German) at Marionette-Theater, Untere Sandstrasse 30, Bamberg (tickets at www.bvd-ticket.de)
- 8 p.m. "Broken Feelings" duo playing live music at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Pili live" live music at Jazzclub Bamberg, Obere Sandstr. 18, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "Mojow inscene" mixed clubmusic at Mojow-Club, Obstmarkt 8, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "elektro delicatessen" electro . minimal . house at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Saturday, Dec. 20

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 3 p.m. "Cinderella – The Musical" at Konzert- und Kongresshalle - Hegelsaal, Mußstraße 1, Bamberg (info at www.konzerthalle-bamberg.de)
- 4 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Backhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 4 p.m. "Hänsel and Gretel" (in German) at Marionette-Theater, Untere Sandstrasse 30, Bamberg – tickets at www.bvd-ticket.de
- 7 p.m. "Bamberg Christmas Concert 2008" at Konzert- und Kongresshalle - Joseph-Keilberth-Saal, Mußstraße 1, Bamberg
- 8:30 p.m. "Salsa Navidad" Bamberg's biggest Salsa party at Haas-Säle, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "Schweinsohr Selection" live music at Jazzclub Bamberg, Obere Sandstr. 18, Bamberg

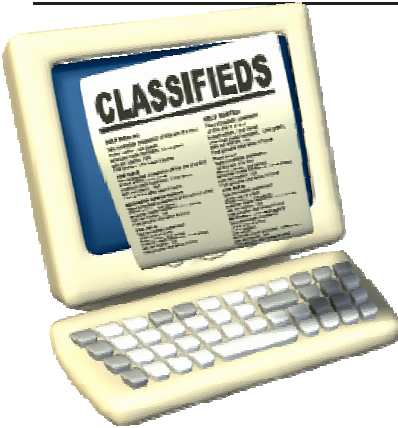
- 10 p.m. "Rock Classics – DJ Party" live bands and DJ party at Live-Club, Obere Sandstraße 7, Bamberg
- 10 p.m. "bashment" reggae . ragga . dancehall at Morph Club, Siechenstraße 7, Bamberg

Sunday, Dec. 21

- 11 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 11 a.m. "In dulci Jubilo" Christmas music at Wernsdorf castle, Zur Schleifmühle 4, 96129 Wernsdorf
- 2 p.m. "nativity scenes from around the world" more than 300 nativity scenes on display at Museum Alte Schule, Kirchplatz 4, 96114 Hirschaid
- 3 p.m. "Hänsel and Gretel" (in German) at Marionette-Theater, Untere Sandstrasse 30, Bamberg – tickets at www.bvd-ticket.de
- 4 p.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Backhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 4:30 p.m. "Advents concert" of the choir Wunderburg at church Maria Hilf, Wunderburg 4, Bamberg
- 5 p.m. "In dulci Jubilo" Christmas music at Wernsdorf castle, Zur Schleifmühle 4, 96129 Wernsdorf
- 8 p.m. "UI" live music covering the Beatles, Cat Stevens Neil Young at Blues Bar, Obere Sandstraße 18, Bamberg

Monday, Dec. 22

- 9 a.m. "Bamberg Christmas market" at Maxplatz/downtown Bamberg
- 11 a.m. "Bamberg Advents Calendar" kids crafts and activities at Fuchs-Backhäusla, Franz-Ludwig-Str. 6, Bamberg
- 7 p.m. Piano-Live at Hofbräu Restaurant & Bar, Karolinenstr. 7, Bamberg
- 9 p.m. "SCHWOF" the cult disco party, all drinks are half price at Live-Club, Obere Sandstr. 7, Bamberg



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Sandi Cox, an EFMP manager here, said the program is providing an enormous benefit for parents who qualify for the services.

Respite care is one part of EFMP that is making a difference for Soldiers and Family members.

"It gives Families with special needs a short reprieve," Cox said. "It's a much needed service."

Cox has 13 qualified respite care providers and nine others who are training to be qualified providers.

Those who qualify for the service can get 40 hours of respite care a month.

"I give them the option of getting some stress relief," said Renee Leach, a respite care provider. "Whenever they need me, I'm available."

Having a special needs child can be a little overwhelming at times, Cox said, and each child has a unique quality no matter if the diagnosis is the same.

With that in mind, Leach makes sure to communicate with the parents so both the parents and the provider can understand the child's needs better. This allows Leach to adapt to the child's behavior.

Just getting a few hours to oneself can be beneficial to the health and wellness of a

parent, so giving the parents some breathing space can provide a better state of mind.

Berbach, who used to manage part of respite care for EFMP in Bamberg, said the program supports an African Proverb and a common quote made famous by Hillary Rodham Clinton, "it takes a village to raise a child."

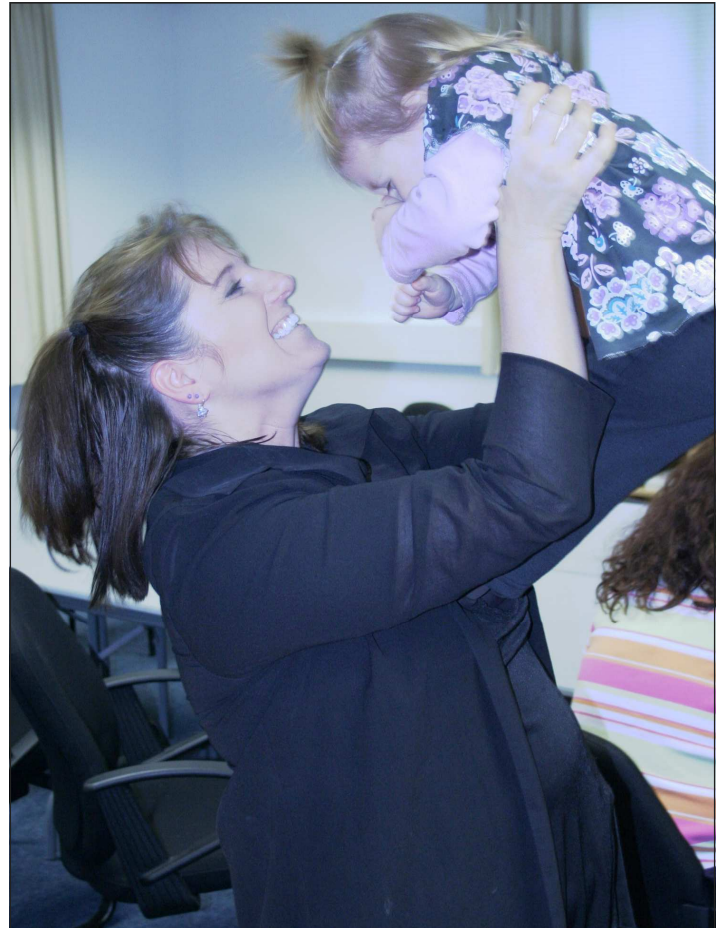
"This is part of the village in order to keep the families happy and healthy," Berbach said.

Respite care providers are paid by the Army for their service but are not fulltime employees, Cox said. The financial support comes from Global War on Terrorism funding.

Screening for EFMP consists of medical records review for all family members, and developmental screening for all children 72 months of age and younger.

The EFMP is a Department of the Army Program designed to assist military person-

nel during assignments or reassignments sponsoring Exceptional Family Members (EFM) with special physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual needs.



Bianca Hannah, a respite care provider, holds up 18-month-old Kira at an Exceptional Family Member Program appreciation luncheon for respite care providers Dec. 10.

Installation Management Command



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Change Your Routines

Don't Exercise at the Same Time and Place

Don't Shop, Refuel, Eat, or Ect. at the Same Place and Time

Vary Your Route To and From Work

Alter Your Arrival and Departure Times

Force Protection Thought of the Week



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2008/2009

BAMBERG COMMISSARY

DATE	WEEK DAY	ACTION	TIME
22 DEC	MONDAY	OPEN	08:00-19:00
24 DEC	WEDNESDAY	OPEN	08:00-16:00
25 DEC	THURSDAY	CLOSED	CHRISTMAS
26 DEC	FRIDAY	CLOSED	CHRISTMAS
29 DEC	MONDAY	OPEN	08:00-19:00
31 DEC	WEDNESDAY	OPEN	08:00-19:00
1 JAN	THURSDAY	CLOSED	NEW YEAR



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